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In re Application of
GRAEME I. BELL, ET AL.
Serial No. 08/455,683
Filed: May 31, 1995
For: OPIOID RECEPTOR: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS :

This is a decision on the petition filed September 5, 1996, under 37 CFR 1.103(a) requesting that action be suspended in this application for a period of six (6) months.

The petition states that the suspension is necessary in order to allow for the collection and submission of information pursuant to assure compliance to applicants' duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 CFR 1.56. This information is said to relate to the outcome of an on-going investigation concerning allegations of scientific misconduct made against one of the named inventors, Dr. Terry Reisine. Petitioner states that it is impossible to present a complete picture of the situation to the Patent and Trademark Office for the examiners consideration in regard to patentability of the claimed invention.

A review of the record in this application reveals that this application has been pending since January 5, 1993. It is Office policy to reduce pendency, provide compact prosecution and provide early disclosure of patentable inventions to the public. The petition fails to state what information would likely be submitted and how this information would likely reflect on the patentability determination in this application. Since there is no indication as to the relevance of this information, suspension of prosecution in the application is not appropriate. The petition fails to state good and sufficient cause for suspension of prosecution in this application.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner to which it is assigned to be taken up for consideration in due course.

The Petition is Denied.

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